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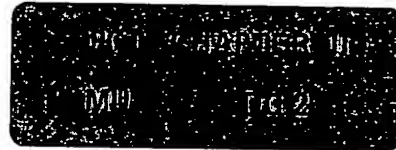
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Re: International Application No. ~~PCT/USPCT/IB03/03701~~
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company
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Dear Sirs:

This letter is filed in response to the written opinion mailed 3 June 2004.

Substitute Sheets

Please withdraw the set of claims presently on file, in favor of the new set, submitted herewith, containing claims 1 to 23.

Amendments

The amended claims are enclosed in two copies: a copy showing the changes made, and a second copy suitable for substitution in the application.

Page and line references are to the international application as published.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the pockets in the fabric are *closed, adjacent pockets*. This amendment finds support in the description on page 8, at lines 11-13.

Former Claim 13 has been deleted as redundant over amended Claim 1. Subsequent claims have been renumbered, and claim dependencies altered accordingly.

The amendment to Claim 1 finds basis in the application as filed, and hence is in compliance with Article 34(2)(b) PCT.